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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/781,138	Applicant(s) CORCORAN ET AL.	
	Examiner J. Gregory Pickett	Art Unit 3728	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 May 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 38,39,46-49 and 56-66 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 38,39,46-49 and 60-63 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 56-59 and 64 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 65 and 66 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action acknowledges the applicant's amendment filed 28 May 2008. Claims 38, 39, 46-49, and 56-66 are pending in the application. Claims 1-37, 40-45, and 50-55 have been canceled. Claims 56-66 are new to the application.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. Claims 56-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 56, use of the terminology "at least one recess" renders the claim indefinite since it is unclear as to whether there is a single recess with a plurality of cavities within the single recess, or a plurality of recesses that each form a cavity.

Claims 57-59 are dependent upon claim 56 and are rejected for the above reasons.

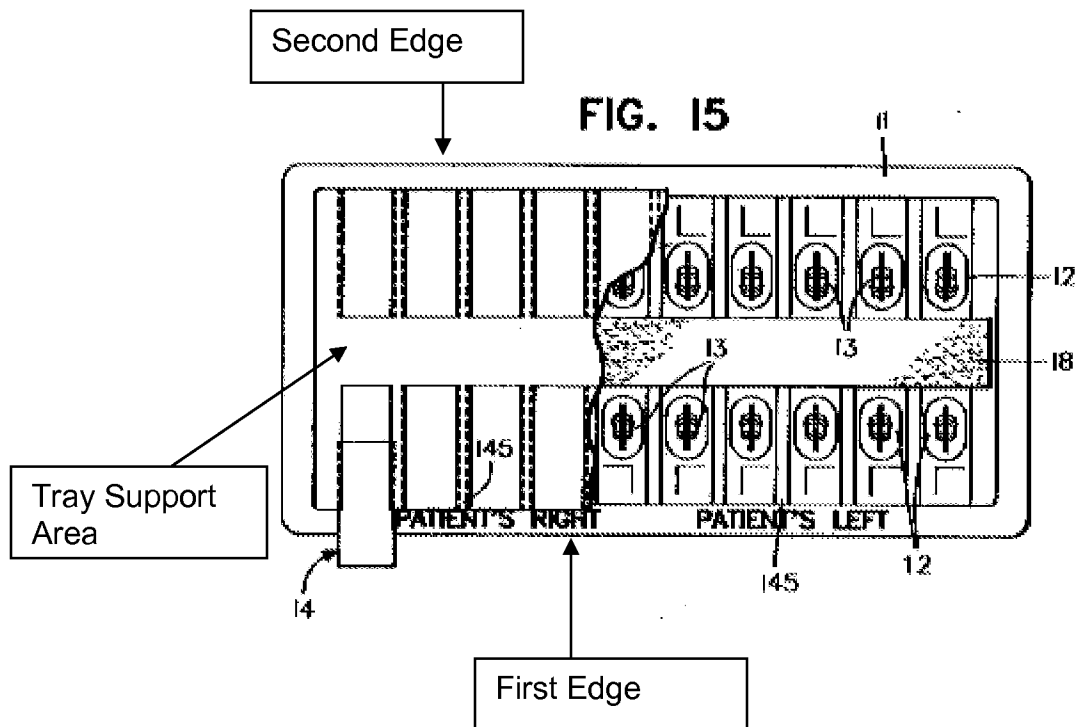
Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. Claim 64 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jacobs et al (US 5,636,736).

It is noted that the claim is directed to the organizer tray and does not positively claim the set-up tray or the appliance packages. Accordingly, in Figure 15 Jacobs

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discloses an orthodontic organizer tray comprising a generally horizontal upper surface having generally parallel first and second edges and a set-up tray support area (see below), and a plurality of holders having a fixed guide structure 145 and arranged in two rows of 10 holders. Although disclosed as for use with rigid sheets 14, the tongue-and-groove appendages 145 are fully capable of retaining an unspecified and unclaimed appliance package.



The absence of a disclosure relating to the function does not defeat the finding of anticipation since it is well settled that the recitation of a new intended use for an old product does not make a claim to that old product patentable. *In re Schneller*, 44 USPQ 2d 1429 (Fed Cir. 1997); *In re Spada*, 15 USPQ 2d 1655 (Fed. Cir. 1990); and *In re Benner*, 82 USPQ 49 (CCPA 1949).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 38, 39, 46-49, and 60-63 appear to define over the available prior art and are allowed.

5. When considered to include a single elongated recess with a plurality of cavities defined within the single recess, claims 56-59 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

6. Claims 65 and 66 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. As allowable subject matter has been indicated, applicant's reply must either comply with all formal requirements or specifically traverse each requirement not complied with. See 37 CFR 1.111(b) and MPEP § 707.07(a).

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 56 and 64 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Claim 56 is considered indefinite as presented. And with respect to claim 64, the absence of a disclosure relating to the function does

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not defeat the finding of anticipation since it is well settled that the recitation of a new intended use for an old product does not make a claim to that old product patentable. *In re Schneller*, 44 USPQ 2d 1429 (Fed Cir. 1997); *In re Spada*, 15 USPQ 2d 1655 (Fed. Cir. 1990); and *In re Benner*, 82 USPQ 49 (CCPA 1949).

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Gregory Pickett whose telephone number is 571-272-4560. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 11:30 AM - 8:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mickey Yu can be reached on 571-272-4562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3728